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In re Application of:

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For: LIQUID SUPPLY SYSTEM, INK
JET RECORDING HEAD, INK
JET RECORDING APPARATUS
AND LIQUID FILLING METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent 5,457,485
- (2) U.S. Patent 5,485,187
- (3) U.S. Patent 6,158,855
- (4) U.S. Patent 6,250,752
- (5) U.S. Published Application No. 2002/109758
- (6) U.S. Published Application No. 2002/113851
- (7) U.S. Published Application No. 2002/118249
- (8) U.S. Published Application No. 2002/118263
- (9) Europe 683,050
- (10) Europe 887,190

Documents (1), (2) and (5) through (8) turned up during pre-filing activities in connection with the preparation of the subject application.

Documents (3), (4), (9) and (10) were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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